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Gwynne Temporary Home For Children.

1897

CHILDREN'S

BOSTON
GUILDHALL'S
AND SOCIETY'S

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

BOSTON:
THOMAS GROOM & CO.
82 STATE STREET.
1898.

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COMMITTEES FOR 1898.

School.

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Repairs and Furnishing.

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Mr. BAKER.

Distributing Annual Report.

Mrs. WADSWORTH. Miss MAY.

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*Deceased.

REPORT.

We deeply regret that we are obliged to report for the past year a series of interruptions to the work of the Home, — interruptions so serious as to need some explanation.

During the past year, 186 children have been received into the Home, as against 248 the preceding year. This smaller number, we believe, is due entirely to the contagious diseases with which the Home has been afflicted from time to time. Measles, whooping-cough and diphtheria have at different times caused the Home to be closed to admissions for a total of over twelve weeks. In other words, for three months of the year no new cases could be received and our work was obliged to stop. As a consequence, instead of having under our charge 45 children (the number we can easily take), we have had on an average not more than 30 to 35, and at times not over 27 or 28. The diseases in every case excepting one, where one child only was sick, have been brought into the Home by children received temporarily or, as in the case of whooping-cough, by children returned from the City Hospital, where they had been exposed to the disease. We try to exercise every care in examining children brought to us, but it is evident we cannot discover, previous to the admission of the child, whether or not it has been exposed to any contagious disease. All institutions

admitting children for temporary treatment are exposed like ourselves to the liability of having a contagious disease brought into the house and none escape continuously. Our experience the past year has been more severe than usual.

With the addition of sickness to our other cares there is, of necessity, not only no diminution of our expenses but, instead, an increase.

Another reason for expecting larger expenses in the future is the greater proportion of children received temporarily rather than for adoption. The tendency of our work to develop in the former direction we have already noticed and remarked at different times at our monthly meetings. At the present time we have only four children in the Home for adoption and during the year have had four adopted from the Home, as against eight placed for adoption the year before. The smaller number of children surrendered to us for adoption may be largely accounted for by the increased aid now obtainable by mothers who wish if possible to keep their children with them; in fact, the more temporary cases helped by us, especially when the children are very young, lessens the probability of the children being surrendered to us for adoption.

We receive at times in our youngest nursery for temporary relief babies less than a year old. If we are to continue to lower the age at which we shall receive infants or to admit many of the youngest age now received, we must be prepared to increase our force of nurses and our expenses generally. That there is a field for good work in helping such cases we firmly believe, but we cannot extend our help in that direction without a greatly increased income

and at all events only after most careful consideration of the difficulties to be overcome.

Our thanks are due to Drs. E. L. Twombly and G. A. Webster and Albert J. Shaw, for their devoted care of the children. We are indebted also to the Young Men's Christian Union (managers of the country work) for carriage drives.

Children in Home, Dec. 28, 1896		30
Received		186
		216
Placed in other institutions . . .	27	
Placed for adoption	4	
Returned to parents or friends . .	152	
Died	3	
		186
Remaining in Home, Dec. 27, 1897 . . .		30

Dr. THE GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN *in acct. with* ALEX. F. WADSWORTH, *Treas.* **Cr.**

1897.			
Dec. 27.	To cash paid during the year for		
	Provisions and groceries	$1,915 33	
	Incidentals	761 76	
	Clothing	248 69	
	Wages	2,371 71	
	Board	209 37	
	Water	38 00	
	Gas	86 80	
	Fuel	263 62	
	Laundry	540 20	
	Printing	80 37	
	Repairs	467 47	
	Ice	56 65	
	"Lowell Thayer Fund," New Year's and Thanksgiving dinners	20 00	
	Dr. Twombly	50 00	
			$7,109 97
	Money invested		4,900 00
	Balance, cash on hand		13,834 95
			$25,844 92

1896.			
Dec. 28.	By balance from old account		$5,620 22
1897.			
Dec. 27.	By subscrptions and donations	$1,436 84	
	Income from investments	3,837 60	
	Interest on deposits	169 03	
	Income from S. V. Ashton trust	1,350 00	
			6,793 47
	Rebate of bank tax, 1896		31 67
	Legacies: —		
	Estate of Mrs. Ann White Vose	$4,491 54	
	Estate of Sarah B. Morton	100 00	
			4,591 54
	Atchison, Topeka & St. Fé scrip sold	$308 02	
	N. England Security Mortgage Co's bonds paid off	5,000 00	
	A. Albert Mortgage paid off	3,500 00	
			8,808 02
			$25,844 92

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ALEX. F. WADSWORTH, *Treasurer.*

DEC. 27, 1897.

Examined and found correct.

J. D. WILLIAMS,
One of the Auditing Committee.

LIFE MEMBERS.

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*APPLETON, Mrs. WILLIAM.
BAKER, E. H.
BARNES, Mrs. CHARLES B.
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BRADLEE, Rev. CALEB D.
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BROWN, Miss ALICE WOODWARD.
BROWN, ATHERTON J.
BROWN, Miss ELIZABETH B.
CHAFFIN, Mrs. W. L.
CHAFFIN, Rev. W. L.
CHENEY, Mrs. ARTHUR.
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CUSHING, Mrs. BENJAMIN.
DAVIS, Miss A. W.
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DUNCAN, Mrs. GEORGE.
FAULKNER, Mrs. CHARLES.
FIELD, Mrs. B. W.
GILMORE, Mrs. ADDISON.
GODDARD, Mrs. WILLIAM.
GREW, Mrs. HENRY S.
* HAYWARD, Mrs. GEORGE P.
HOLLINGSWORTH, Mrs. POLLY R.
HOLLINGSWORTH, Miss ROSE.
HOMER, Miss MARY R.
* HOMER, Mrs. PETER T.
HOMER Mrs. T. J.
HOOPER, Mrs. I. HARRIS.
HOVEY, Miss MARIAN.

*Deceased.

JOY, Miss CAROLINE A.
KENT, Mrs. HELENA M.
* KIMBALL, MOSES.
* LAWRENCE, Mrs. AMOS A.
LINCOLN, Miss MARY K.
MANN, Mrs. S. H.
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MERRIAM, Mrs. CHARLES.
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STETSON, Mrs. JOSHUA,
STORER, Mrs. R. B.
STORER, Mrs. WILLIAM BRANDT.
THAYER, Mrs. C. L.
THAYER, NATHANIEL N.
* WETHERELL, Mrs. JOHN G.
WIGGLESWORTH, Miss ANNE.
WILLIAMS, Miss ANN D.

* Deceased.

SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS.

From January 1, 1897, *to January* 1, 1898.

Alden, John E.	$5 00
Ayres, Miss A. C	5 00
Ayres, Mrs. John	5 00
Balch, F. V.	5 00
Barnes, Charles B.	10 00
Bartol, Miss E. H.	5 00
Beebe, Mrs. J. Arthur	10 00
Blackmar, Mr. and Mrs. W. W.	10 00
Blake, S. P.	10 00
Brown, Miss Elizabeth B.	10 00
Brown, Mrs. James	5 00
Brown, T. Hassall	5 00
Browne, Edward I.	10 00
Browne, Miss H. T.	5 00
Bryant, Mrs. Henry	5 00
Bullard, Mrs. William S.	5 00
Burrage, Mrs. E. A.	5 00
Cary, Miss Annie P.	10 00
Cary, Miss Ellen G.	10 00
Chapman, Jane E. C.	2 00
Cheney, Mrs. Ednah D.	5 00
Clarke, Mrs. Elizabeth W.	5 00
Clarke, Mrs. Eliot C.	10 00
Clement, Mrs. Mary A	10 00
Coolidge, Mrs. H. H.	5 00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. T.	25 00
Cotton, Walter G.	5 00
Covel, Mrs. A. S.	5 00
Crane, Joshua	5 00
Cummings, Mrs. C. A.	5 00
Cunningham, Mrs. J. H.	5 00
Curtis, Mrs. Greely S.	20 00
Curtis, Miss Isabella P.	3 00
Daggett, Mrs. Henry L.	$2 00
Eliot, Samuel	10 00
Evans, Mrs. C. W.	2 00
Fairbairn, Mrs. R. B.	5 00
Faulkner, Miss F. M.	10 00
Faulkner, Mrs. Charles	10 00
Fellowes, Miss Charlotte	3 00
Fernald, Mrs. John C.	2 00
Fields, Mrs. J. T.	5 00
Fitz, Mrs. W. Scott	10 00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	5 00
Forbush, Miss Maria	10 00
Gaffield, Thomas	5 00
Garrison, F. J.	2 00
Glover, Joseph B.	20 00
Goddard, Miss Matilda	5 00
Gray, Russell	5 00
Greenough, Mrs. W. W.	2 00
Hayward, Mr. G. P.	2 00
Hooper, Edward W.	25 00
Hope Chapel	10 00
Hubbard, Mrs. Eliot	10 00
Jackson. Mrs. Emily I.	10 00
Johnson, Samuel	5 00
Kidder, Mrs. Henry P.	10 00
Kidder, Henry T.	10 00
Kimball, Miss H. H.	10 00
Lee, Henry	20 00
Lodge, Mrs. John E.	10 00
Loring, Mrs. W. C.	25 00

Lovering, Mrs. C. T.	$5 00
Lowell, Mrs. George G.	10 00
Lowell, Mrs. Lucy B.	10 00
Lyman, Mrs. George H.	10 00
Manning, Mrs. F. C.	5 00
Marston, S. W.	5 00
Mass. Charitable Fire Association	100 00
May, Miss Eleanor G.	5 00
Merriam, Charles	5 00
Minot, Dr. F.	5 00
Morgan, Mrs. J. P., Jr.	10 00
Morison, Mrs. Frank	10 00
Morison, Mrs. J. H.	5 00
Morse, Mrs. S. T.	10 00
Nichols, Miss Mary P.	5 00
Noyes, Miss C. P.	5 00
Paine, The Misses	10 00
Parker, Miss Alice Q.	5 00
Parkman, Miss E. W. S.	5 00
Parsons, Miss Martha	3 00
Peabody, F. H.	15 00
Peabody, Mrs. S. E.	10 00
Peters, E. D.	10 00
Pickering, Henry	25 00
Pickman, Mrs. D. L.	25 00
Powers, Mrs. George C.	5 00
Prang, L.	5 00
Ranney, Fletcher	5 00
Read, Miss S. E.	10 00
Reed, Mrs. B. T.	5 00
Richards, H. N.	5 00
Ridgway, Miss	1 00
Rust, Mrs. William A.	2 00
Sears, Mrs. K. W.	$10 00
Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10 00
Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	10 00
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	50 00
Slocum, Mrs. W. H.	10 00
Stone, Mrs. F.	5 00
Storer, Misses	5 00
Sturgis, Mr. R. S.	5 00
Thayer, Mrs. N., Sr.	100 00
Thorndike, Mrs. J. H.	10 00
Tompkins, Mrs. O.	3 00
Torrey, Miss A. D.	5 00
Turner, Miss Abby W.	25 00
Turner, Miss Alice M.	25 00
Unity Church Sunday School, North Easton	24 84
Wadsworth, Mrs. A. F.	10 00
Wainwright, Miss Rebecca P.	5 00
Ware, Mrs. Charles E.	25 00
Warren, Miss Cornelia	5 00
Warren, Mrs. Richard	3 00
Weld, Mrs. Moses W.	20 00
Wells, Mrs. E. S.	5 00
Wheelwright, Edward	10 00
Wheelwright, Geo. W.	10 00
White, Charles G.	5 00
Whitman, Henry	10 00
Whitmore, C. J.	5 00
Whitney, D. R.	100 00
Whitwell, Miss S. L.	5 00
Williams, Miss Ann D.	3 00
Williams, J. D.	50 00
Young, Charles E.	10 00

DONATIONS TO THE HOME FOR 1897.

Mr. W. F. Brennan. — Marmalade.

Second Church, Copley Sq. — Thirty-eight garments.

Mr. F. W. G. May. — Fruit, milk and vegetables.

Mrs. J. H. Thorndike. — Two pairs knitted stockings.

Kings Chapel Employment Society. — One hundred and five garments.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar. — Two trunks, children's hats, school-room supplies and several donations fruit.

Trinity Church Employment Society. — Sixty garments.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, First Parish, Hingham. — Fifty-three garments, boys' cap and reefer.

Mrs. Chas. E. Ware. — Two barrels apples.

First Church, Marlboro St. — Carpeting for the First Church room.

Mrs. Joshua Stetson. — Basket tomatoes and clothing for the nursery.

First Parish Benevolent Society, Dorchester. — One hundred and eighty-four garments.

Mr. Atherton T. Brown. — Barrel apples.

Unity Church Benevolent Society, Randolph, Mass. — Sheets, pillow-slips and clothing.

The Herford Club of Arlington St. Church. — Several donations flowers.

Davis and Winthrop Swain. — Children's books and picture cards.

Sewing Circle through Miss Lucy Parsons. — Thirty-one garments.

Miss E. B. Brown. — Dresses, caps and bibs for the nursery.

Easter Carol Mission. — Easter Cards.

Guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Reading, Mass. — Sheets, pillow-slips, towels and quilts for the Reading Room.

Mrs. A. H. Balcome. — Fruit and vegetables.

Mrs. Wm. T. Lambert. — Carpeting, screen, table and bath tub.

Trinity Church, through Mrs. R. L. Allen. — Five dollars for carpeting for the Trinity Church room.

Mrs. Augustus Flagg. — Clothing.

The '97 Sewing Circle. — Fifty-six garments.

Mrs. G. S. Curtis. — Clothing.

Cambridge Sewing Club. — One dozen hoods, pair bed-socks, and thirty garments.

Mrs. A. F. Wadsworth. — Carpeting.

Mrs. F. V. Balch. — Five dollars for the children.

Boston Flower Mission. — Several donations of flowers and fruit.

Through the Randidge Fund of the City of Boston. — A day's outing at Long Island for the children.

Miss Ann Williams. — Aprons for the nursery.

Beth Parson and Kenneth Childs of Framingham. — Dolls, books and games.

Miss Cummings. — Flowers.

The Adams children. — Doll's house.

All Soul's Benevolent Society, Roxbury. — Sixteen garments.

Mrs. C. E. Porter. — A picnic at Cliftondale for the children.

Mrs. J. J. Newcomb. — Donation books.

Dr. C. E. Gary. — Clothing and rubber boots.

Sewing Circle of Winthrop St. Congregational Church, Charlestown. — Twelve aprons.

Miss E. G. May. — Fifty-four garments.

Clothing, books, and toys from unknown friends.

THANKSGIVING.

Mrs. Joseph Lyman. — Plum pudding and turkey.
Mrs. C. A. Jones. — Two turkeys.
Mrs. M. E. Lodge. — Turkey.

CHRISTMAS.

The Misses Storer. — Hoods, mittens, clothing and Christmas gifts.

Mr. S. E. Carpenter. — Books and five dollars.

Infant Sunday School of Third Religious Society, Dorchester. — Large donations of Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Moses W. Weld. — Box toys.

Mrs. Geo. W. Wheelwright, Jr. — Turkey.

Loyal Workers of Hopedale, Mass. — Candy, books, toys and clothing.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar. — Box Christmas gifts.

Hebrew Women's Sewing Society. — Candy and cake.

Mrs. John Ayres. — Mittens and sacque, knit by herself.

Miss M. K. Lincoln.— Toys for the nursery.

Omaha Beef Co. — Two turkeys.

Miss Fannie Trank. — Box toys.

Mrs. S. M. Crosby. — Two dollars for Christmas gifts.

Lend-a-hand Club and Sunday School of Unity Church, North Easton. — Clothing, books, dolls and toys.